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REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY Head to Harry Caray's Tavern Navy Pier at 5:30 p.m. Thursday for the 15th annual worldwide toast to the late Cubs broadcaster.

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BINGE LIFE?

Not quite. Majority of drinkers stay within recommended limits

Reuters

On any given day in the U.S., 18 percent of men and 11 percent of women drink more alcohol than federal guidelines recommend, according to a study that also found that 8 percent of men and 3 percent of women are full-fledged "heavy drinkers."

That means the great majority of Americans stay within the advised limit of two drinks a day for men and one for women, according to the study appearing in the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

"And in fact, most adults don't drink at all on any given day," said lead author Patricia Guenther, a nutritionist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

"But the fact remains that it is a significant public health problem that many people do drink to excess."

Guenther said that members of the committee that drafted the current USDA guidelines on alcohol consumption wanted to know how many adults exceeded the limits.

She and her colleagues collected data from a nationally representative survey on health and nutrition, which included about 5,400 adults over age 21. Among other things, each was asked how much alcohol they drank the previous day.

The researchers found that 64 percent of men and 79 percent of women said they drank no alcohol at all that day, and another 18 percent of men and 10 percent of women drank within the recommended amounts.

Nine percent of men said they had three to four drinks the day before and 8 percent of women said they drank two to three alcoholic beverages, the researchers said.

The heaviest drinkers of all were the 8 percent of men who had five or more drinks, and 3 percent of women who had four or more.

"Overall the study confirms that rates of unhealthy alcohol use in the U.S. are significant," said Jennifer Mertens, a research medical scientist at Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif., who was not part of the study.

MEN

18%
Percentage of men who drink more than federal guidelines suggest.

8% Percentage of men who are considered "heavy drinkers" (five or more drinks)

64%
Percentage of men who reported drinking "no alcohol yesterday" in national study

WOMEN

11%
Percentage of women who drink more than federal guidelines suggest

3% Percentage of women who are considered "heavy drinkers" (four or more drinks)

79%
Percentage of women who reported drinking "no alcohol yesterday" in national study

REUTERS

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear readers:

Today RedEye begins an extended focus on violence in Chicago. We have been chronicling homicides in Chicago since 2009, when we first introduced our homicide tracker. That weekly map, which appears in the paper and online each Thursday, will accompany our expanded coverage.

The big questions: Why has the body count here risen while it has fallen in other big cities such as New York and L.A.? Which neighborhoods have it the worst—and why? What's it really like for officials who are facing constant pressure to solve a huge problem with no easy answers? And how are mothers and fathers who have buried their sons and daughters dealing with the emotional toll?

Last year, Chicago logged 515 homicides. As you'll read in today's story, the majority of those victims were black men in their late teens or early 20s shot to death on the South Side. It's a critical problem, and it has rocketed Chicago to the forefront of the national conversation about gun violence.

Our coverage will include stories, graphics, photos and video that will explore all angles of this complex issue in print and online (**redeyechicago.com/chicagoviolence**). Look for a dedicated space for this undertaking on our Facebook page, and join the conversation on Twitter using **#chicagoviolence**.

At the center of this effort are Chicago and its residents.

We want to hear from you as this project unfolds. Tell us the stories you want to see or the questions you want answered. If you are a community group or activist who wants to get involved, reach out. Email us at **redeye@tribune.com** or contact us on Twitter (**@redeyechicago**) with questions, comments, observations or ideas.

It goes without saying that violence in Chicago is bigger than any of us. We hope this project will, in some small way, contribute to solutions.

—Tran Ha

4 TO TRY: TUMBLR THURSDAY

You know the drill by now—if you're not following these Tumblrs already, you should be. Have a suggestion for a Tumblr to feature? Send a tweet to **@jessicagalliart**. —JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

Cats That Look Like Ron Swanson

catsthatlooklikeronswanson.tumblr.com

Just one of many Tumblrs dedicated to cats that look like people. Other favorites include **catswholooklikedrake.tumblr.com** and **catsthatlooklikepinupgirls.tumblr.com**.

Tumblr Music

music.tumblr.com

First thing: Tumblr has finally launched a #music hashtag for posts. (A few years too late, but we'll take it.) Second thing: This is an official blog created by Tumblr that collects and reblogs some of the best music posts from musicians and fans on the site.

Unhappy Hipsters

unhappyhipsters.com

What are the hipsters in these super cool stock photos "really" thinking? This Tumblr gets to the bottom of it.

WGN's Must Watch

must-watch-am.tumblr.com

For those of us who are incapable of getting out of bed to watch the early morning news, here's a Tumblr of GIFs to catch you up on what you missed on "WGN Morning News."

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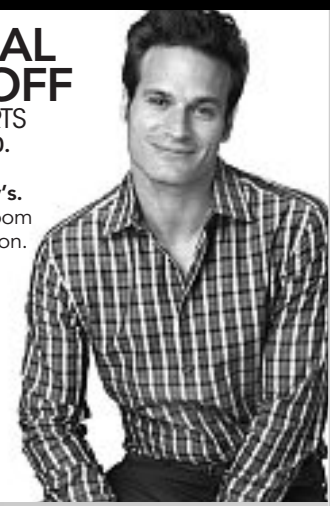

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MORE THAN NUMBERS

THE EMOTIONAL COST OF CHICAGO'S HOMICIDES NEVER GOES AWAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

CHICAGO VIOLENCE
ONE CITY UNDER THE GUN

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

The day her youngest son, Kendrick, was shot and killed, Esther Pitts knew something wasn't right.

Kendrick, 17, was running late that morning, which was unusual. She suggested he stay home. He said he wanted to go to school. He never came back.

Kendrick was one of three teens shot and killed on a South Chicago corner on Feb. 20, 2009. Prosecutors say gang member Martin Ybarra used a European rifle to kill Pitts, 13-year-old Johnny Edwards and 15-year-old Raheem Washington. Ybarra was aiming for a rival gang member, police said. He is awaiting trial.

"You never expect [violence] to hit your home," Esther Pitts said Tuesday. "And when it did, it has sadness in your house."

Pitts said she has grown so tired of dealing with the violence that she plans to leave her South Deering community, which has seen its number of homicides jump from five in 2009 to 11 in 2012, and move to Florida next month.

The South Chicago incident, which was the only triple homicide that year, served as a catalyst for RedEye to start tracking homicides in February 2009. Since then, RedEye has compiled data about homicide locations, times and community areas and recorded information about each victim's sex, age and race.

Just a few weeks before Pitts' killing, Chicago ended 2008 with more than 500 homicides—the first time that mark had been hit since 2003—after years of decline from homicide numbers in the 900-plus range in the early 1990s.

The number of homicides wasn't the only reason people were watching Chicago for its violence in early 2009. Although many homicides go unnoticed, two high-profile cases drew national media attention within months of each other: the killing of "American Idol" star Jennifer Hudson's brother, mother and nephew and the killing of former Bulls star Eddy Curry's ex-girlfriend and their infant daughter.

It's now four years later, and eyes still are on Chicago. The city topped 500 homicides again last year, and started 2013 with 43 homicides in January, according to RedEye data.

Chicago gun violence this month was at the forefront of President Obama's State of the Union speech. The address came just two weeks after the shooting death of 15-year-old Hadiya Pendleton, who performed at Obama's inauguration.

Since RedEye began logging homicides in February 2009, the city has recorded more than 1,800 deaths. The violence has reached every corner of the city.

Few know the effects of violence better than Esther Pitts. Two weeks after Kendrick was killed—on the very day she got his death certificate—her 18-year-old son Carnell was shot to death in South Chicago.

Pitts, who has two biological children and six adopted children, said two of her other children also have suffered gunshot wounds in recent years.

"We're ready to get up out of here," Pitts said. "It's not getting any better. It seems to be getting worse."

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> "WE'RE READY TO GET UP OUT OF HERE. IT'S NOT GETTING ANY BETTER. IT SEEMS TO BE GETTING WORSE." — **Esther Pitts**, on life in South Deering

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4 YEARS
1,800 HOMICIDES

For four years, RedEye has been mapping locations of Chicago homicides both online and in the newspaper. Over the years, readers have wanted to know more about homicides and RedEye's data collection methods. Here are the answers to the most frequently asked questions. T.S.

HOW DOES REDEYE GET A HOMICIDE COUNT?

RedEye collects information about homicides from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, which performs autopsies to determine the cause of death. If the Medical Examiner's Office rules that a person died of a homicide in Chicago, RedEye will log the death in its database.

For the most part, RedEye and the Chicago Police Department have similar data, but there are two main differences in the counts. First, RedEye logs deaths by the date the violent incident occurred, not the date of death.

For example, last year, the Chicago Police Department included more than a half-dozen victims in its 2012 homicide count who were shot earlier than 2012 but died last year. One of the victims was shot in 1986 but died in February. RedEye will list those cases in the database for the year in which the incident occurred, dating back to 2007, to provide an accurate picture of violence during those times.

Second, because the map is of homicides and not murders, RedEye also includes cases where the Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the death a homicide but murder charges were not brought against the offender. These cases typically are shootings that the police have deemed to be accidental or in self-defense.

Neither the police nor RedEye include police-involved shooting deaths in their counts when they occur in the line of duty.

Juan (left) and Esther Pitts lost two sons to gun violence.
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

HOW DO YOU GET INFO ABOUT THE VICTIMS' RACE?

For the most part, information about a victim's race comes from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, which assigns one-letter race designations (i.e. "B" for "Black") on its daily record log. For victims of Hispanic ethnicity, the Medical Examiner's Office typically pairs an "H" with "W" for "White." RedEye also takes its cues from the U.S. Census Bureau, which long has considered "Hispanic" to be an ethnicity and not its own separate race.

HOW OFTEN ARE HOMICIDE CASES SOLVED?

The percentage of cases the police department says it has solved is a constantly changing number. This year, charges have been filed in about 20 percent of cases, according to RedEye data as of Wednesday afternoon. Last year, it appeared Chicago police had a 24 percent clearance rate.

WHAT IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF HOMICIDE?

In 2012, the majority of homicide victims were young black men killed by gunfire on the South Side. Gunshot homicides comprised about 86 percent of the 515 homicides last year. Nearly 77 percent of the victims last year were black. About 63 percent of the victims were between the ages of 13 and 29, RedEye data shows.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFO?

RedEye homicide data is available at **redeyechicago.com/homicides**. For Chicagoans seeking more detailed information, the police department maintains a database of all crimes at **data.cityofchicago.org**. The department has a posting lag time of about 10 days after an incident occurred.

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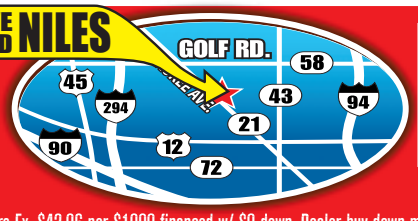

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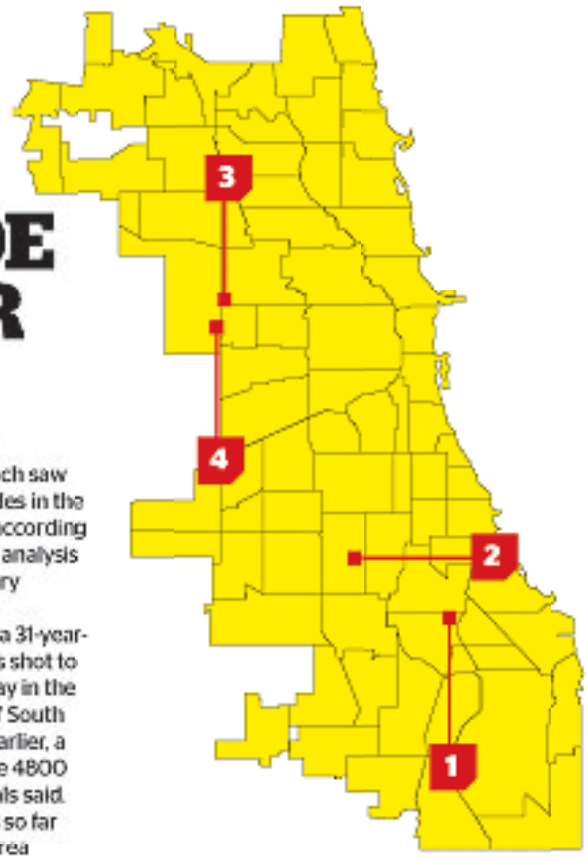
Homicides from Feb. 20 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. All locations have one victim except Maryland Avenue with two.



HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz
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CHICAGO VIOLENCE
ONE CITY UNDER THE GUN

Austin and Chatham each saw two homicides in the past week, according to a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data.

In Austin, a 31-year-old man was shot to death Sunday in the 100 block of South Cicero Avenue, police said. One day earlier, a 32-year-old man was fatally shot in the 4800 block of West Ferdinand Street, officials said.

Austin has recorded five homicides so far this year. The West Side community area logged 37 homicides last year, according to RedEye data.

In Chatham, two women, ages 24 and 42, died of sharp-force injuries Feb. 20 in the 8100 block of South Maryland Avenue, according to officials.

Chatham has logged three homicides so far this year. The South Side community area recorded 12 homicides last year, RedEye determined.

Meanwhile, a 25-year-old man was shot to death Friday in the 6600 block of South Ashland Avenue in West Englewood, police said.

Citywide, 14 homicides have been logged so far this month. Twenty-nine homicides were recorded in February 2012, according to RedEye data.

1 **8100 BLOCK OF S. MARYLAND AVE.**
Date: Feb. 20 **Cause:** Sharp-force injuries
Victims: 2

2 **6600 BLOCK OF S. ASHLAND AVE.**
Date: Feb. 22 **Cause:** Gunshot

3 **4800 BLOCK OF W. FERDINAND ST.**
Date: Feb. 23 **Cause:** Gunshot

4 **100 BLOCK OF S. CICERO AVE.**
Date: Feb. 24 **Cause:** Gunshot

MORE ONLINE
Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at **redeyechicago.com/homicides**, which now includes information on every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2007.

Garbage tally: 3,444 bags of litter

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Cleaning up downtown is a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. That somebody is the Safer Foundation, which provides employment assistance to people with criminal records.

Safer Foundation has partnered with the Chicago Loop Alliance to spruce up the Loop for the past three years, Alliance Executive Director Michael Edwards said.

Cleanup crews pick up litter and scrape stickers off street furniture along State Street from Wacker Drive to Congress Parkway and half a block east and west of State Street.

The alliance at its Tuesday meeting detailed the clean team's accomplishments in 2012:

- 3,444 bags of litter were removed from the street.
- 8,760 miles of sidewalks, planters and curbs were cleaned.
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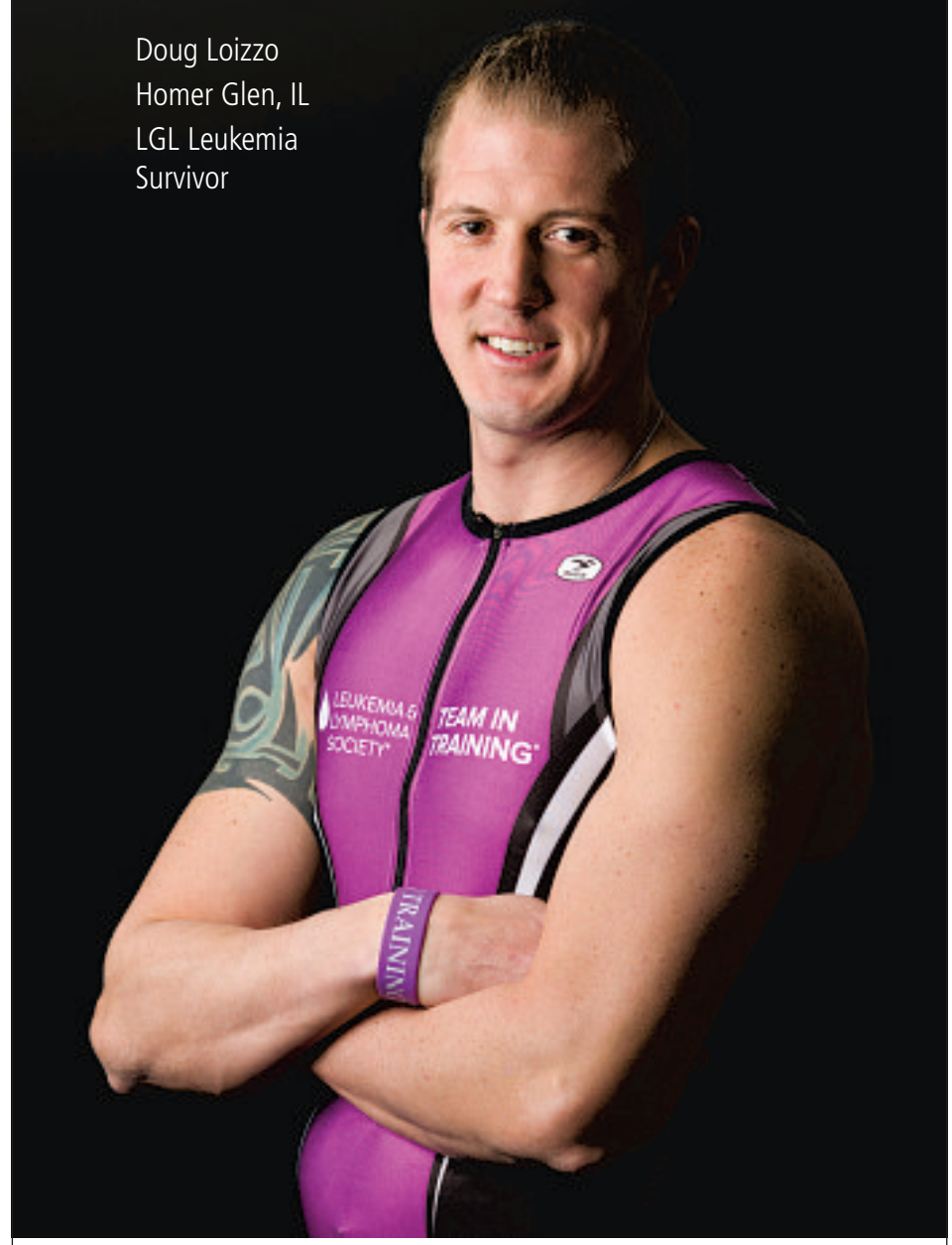

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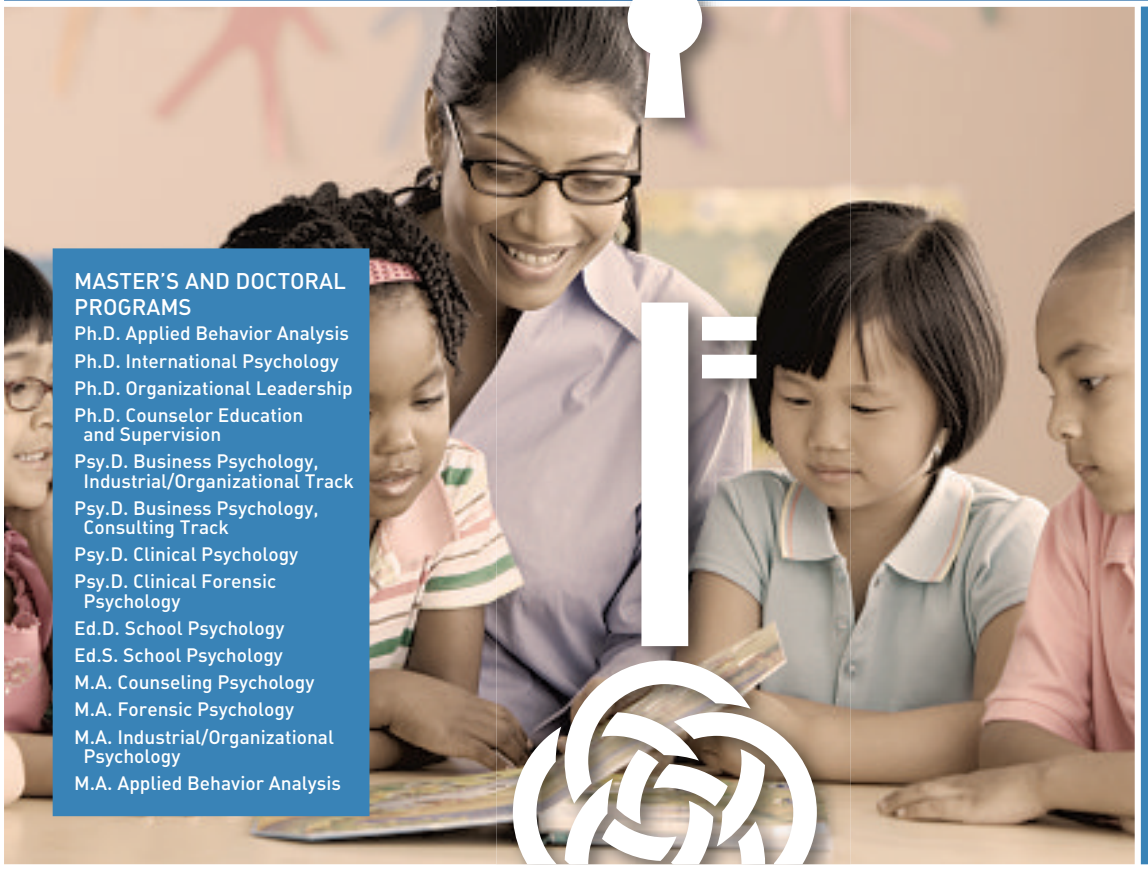

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$3 FOR A RAIL RIDE?

CTA proposes fee for single-ride tickets starting this summer

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

A single rail ticket could cost $3 if a rider pays with cash when the CTA unveils Ventra, its new open fare payment system, this summer.

The CTA is proposing a 50-cent "limited use media fee" for disposable single-ride tickets. The $3 would cover the $2.25 rail fare, a 25-cent transfer and the 50-cent fee, CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said. Riders would pay the 25-cent transfer fee whether they make a connection or not.

Starting this summer, riders will be able to use their debit/credit cards, a Ventra card, disposable unlimited passes or single-ride passes to pay for their rail trips. Chicago Cards will be accepted this year but not next year. Cash still will be accepted on buses.

"Most people will never pay a fee," Chase said. Only about 4 percent of CTA's daily riders purchase the single-ride tickets, she said.

Riders who use a reloadable Ventra card would have to pay $5 when they obtain the card. That fee would be transferred back to the rider as a credit to pay for CTA rides, a system similar to the Chicago Card operation.

Riders who don't use their reloadable Ventra cards after 18 months would see $5 deducted each month from the cash stored on their card.

Riders who take the train from O'Hare would not have to pay the additional 50-cent fee. O'Hare riders who don't use unlimited passes saw the cost of travel from O'Hare rise from $2.25 to $5 last month.

Also last month, the CTA hiked prices for its unlimited passes. The 30-day pass went from $86 to $100.

CTA board chairman Terry Peterson in November told the Tribune that riders would not see fare hikes this year or next.

"Our fares are not changing," Chase said Wednesday. "Bus and rail fares are absolutely not changing."

The CTA will hold a public hearing about Ventra at 6 p.m. March 11 at CTA headquarters, 567 W. Lake St.

The CTA has proposed charging $3 for one single-ride ticket once its new Ventra payment system kicks in this summer. TRIBUNE FILE

VENTRA WHAT?
Do you have questions about Ventra, the CTA's new payment system set to debut this summer? Tweet RedEye's CTA reporter @tracyswartz.

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THE DIGIT

24% Groupon lost a quarter of its market value Wednesday after the largest daily deal company reported disappointing quarterly results and issued a weak forecast. Groupon shares fell 24 percent, to $4.52, in after-hours trading.

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EXPRESS LINES

- First lady Michelle Obama will bring a star-studded lineup to Chicago on Thursday to tout the success of her national campaign against childhood obesity. Here guests include gold medal gymnast Gabrielle Douglas, tennis superstar Serena Williams and professional skateboarder Paul Rodriguez, also known as P-Rod.
- The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago is laying off about 10 percent of its work force and is planning to close or consolidate about five schools to reverse "unsustainable" deficits.
- The CTA has proposed building a new terminal south of 95th Street that would connect to the current Red Line stop by a pedestrian bridge across 95th Street. The CTA will unveil its plan at a public hearing at 6 p.m. March 14 at Harlan High School, 9652 S. Michigan Ave.

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Suit: Beers are watered down

Beer drinkers in three states filed lawsuits accusing brewing giant Anheuser-Busch of watering down and mislabeling Budweiser, Michelob and other brands to cut costs.

The lawsuits, filed in the last week in California, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, said the brewing giant cheated consumers by listing a higher alcohol content than the beers actually contained.

Ten Anheuser-Busch products were named in the lawsuits: Budweiser, Michelob, Michelob Ultra, Bud Ice, Bud Light Platinum, Hurricane High Gravity Lager, King Cobra, Busch Ice, Natural Ice and Bud Light Lime.

Former employees at the company's 13 breweries—including some in high-level positions—are cooperating with the plaintiffs, said San Rafael, Calif., lawyer Josh Boxer, the lead attorney in the case.

"Our information comes from former employees at Anheuser-Busch, who have informed us that as a matter of corporate practice, all of their products [mentioned in the lawsuit] are watered down," Boxer said, according to the Associated Press. "It's a simple cost-saving measure, and it's very significant."

The excess water is added just before bottling and cuts the stated alcohol content by 3 percent to 8 percent, he said.

Anheuser-Busch InBev called the claims "groundless" and said its beers fully comply with labeling laws.

"Our beers are in full compliance with all alcohol labeling laws," Peter Kraemer, vice president of brewing and supply, said in a statement.

U.S. ship being removed from reef

Big parts are coming off a former U.S. Navy minesweeper that became stuck on a Philippine reef in January. Once the top deck of the ship is cleared and heavy machinery is removed from the inside, the hull of the Guardian is expected to be cut into three parts before it is lifted from the reef.

Pope message: 'Lord seemed to sleep'

In an unusually personal message, Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday said there had been "many days of sunshine" but also "times when the water was rough ... and the Lord seemed to sleep." It was his final public address from a stage set up in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

Who wants a ticket to Mars?

If soon-to-be-unveiled plans pan out, a man and a woman may represent humanity on one journey that never has been attempted before: a mission to Mars. "It's incredibly feasible. It's not crazy talk," said Taber MacCallum, CEO of Paragon Space Development Corp.

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WILD BULLS

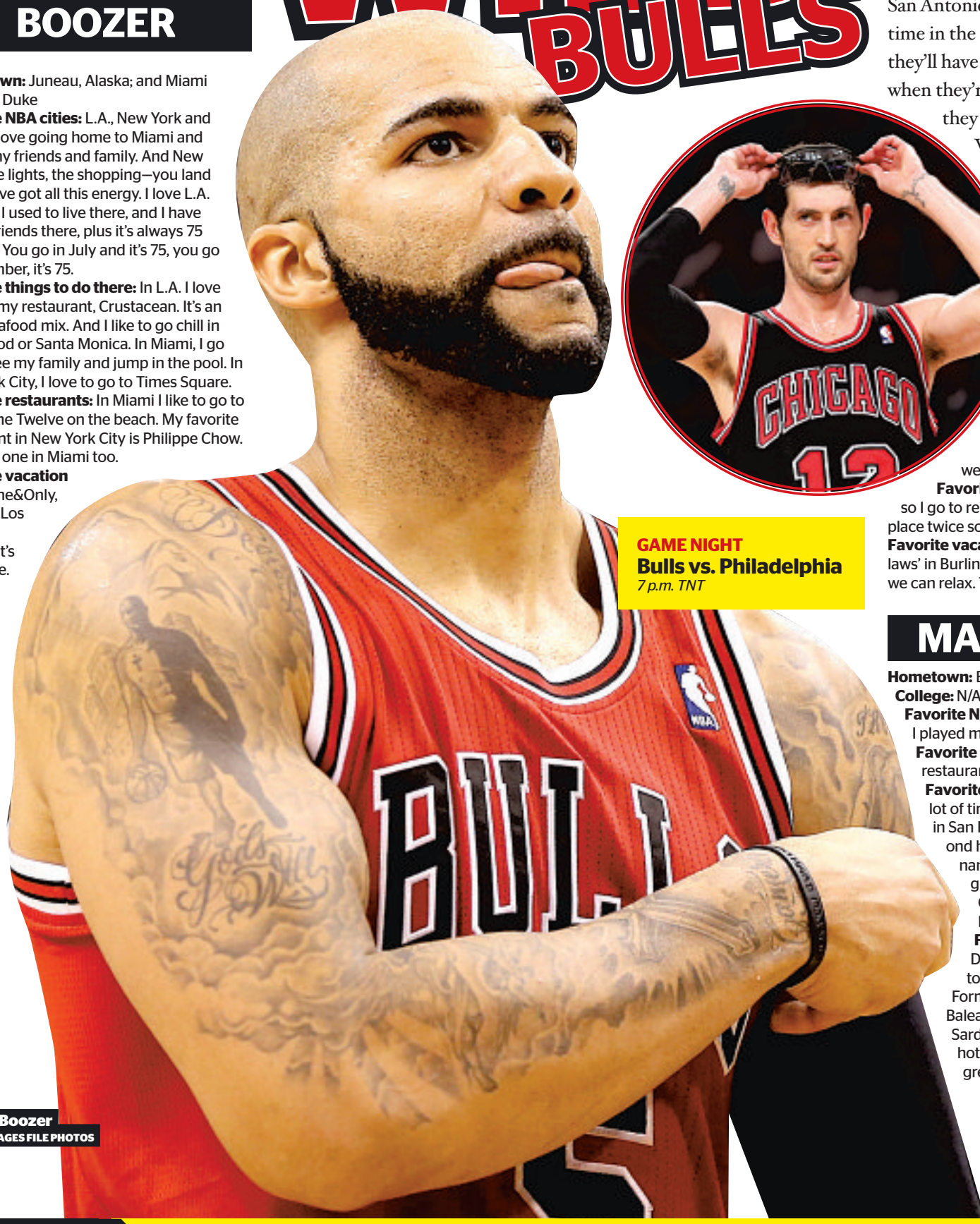
Chicago has its charms, but even the Bulls like to get away

Tribune newspapers

Miami. New York. Maybe even Oklahoma City or San Antonio. That's where the Bulls hope to spend time in the next few months, because that means they'll have gone deep in the playoffs. Though when they're not concentrating on winning a title, they can focus on their favorite hot spots. Well, unless you're Kirk Hinrich.

CARLOS BOOZER

Hometown: Juneau, Alaska; and Miami
College: Duke
Favorite NBA cities: L.A., New York and Miami. I love going home to Miami and seeing my friends and family. And New York—the lights, the shopping—you land and you've got all this energy. I love L.A. because I used to live there, and I have a lot of friends there, plus it's always 75 degrees. You go in July and it's 75, you go in December, it's 75.
Favorite things to do there: In L.A. I love to go to my restaurant, Crustacean. It's an Asian-seafood mix. And I like to go chill in Hollywood or Santa Monica. In Miami, I go home, see my family and jump in the pool. In New York City, I love to go to Times Square.
Favorite restaurants: In Miami I like to go to Prime One Twelve on the beach. My favorite restaurant in New York City is Philippe Chow. We have one in Miami too.
Favorite vacation hotel: One&Only, Palmilla, Los Cabos, Mexico. It's awesome.



Carlos Boozer
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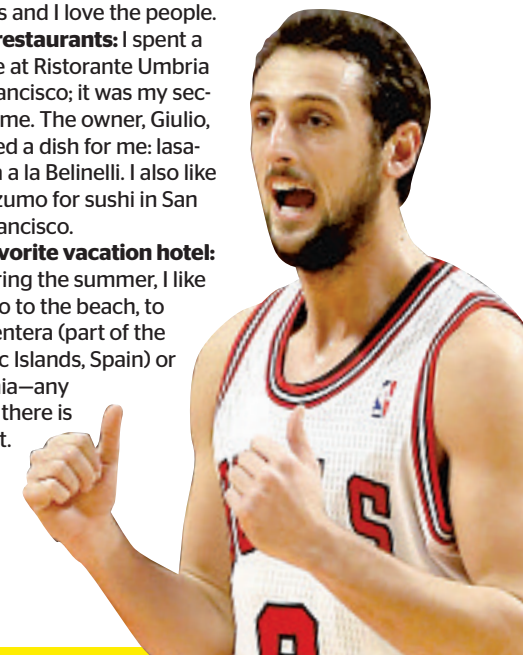
KIRK HINRICH

Hometown: Sioux City, Iowa
College: Kansas
Favorite NBA cities: Besides Chicago? It used to be Seattle. It's pretty, it's laid-back, and there are lots of good restaurants. Now I'd say Los Angeles because of the warm weather. You can go outside without a coat.
Favorite things to do there: I like all kinds of food, so I go to restaurants in L.A. I try not to go to the same place twice so I can't name a favorite.
Favorite vacation hotel: That would be going to my in-laws' in Burlington, Iowa, where they can watch the kids and we can relax. That's my favorite vacation hotel!

MARCO BELINELLI

Hometown: Bologna, Italy
College: N/A
Favorite NBA cities: San Francisco, because that's where I played my first two seasons, for Golden State.
Favorite things to do there: I love Alcatraz, I love the restaurants and I love the people.
Favorite restaurants: I spent a lot of time at Ristorante Umbria in San Francisco; it was my second home. The owner, Giulio, named a dish for me: lasagna a la Belinelli. I also like Ozumo for sushi in San Francisco.
Favorite vacation hotel: During the summer, I like to go to the beach, to Formentera (part of the Balearic Islands, Spain) or Sardinia—any hotel there is great.



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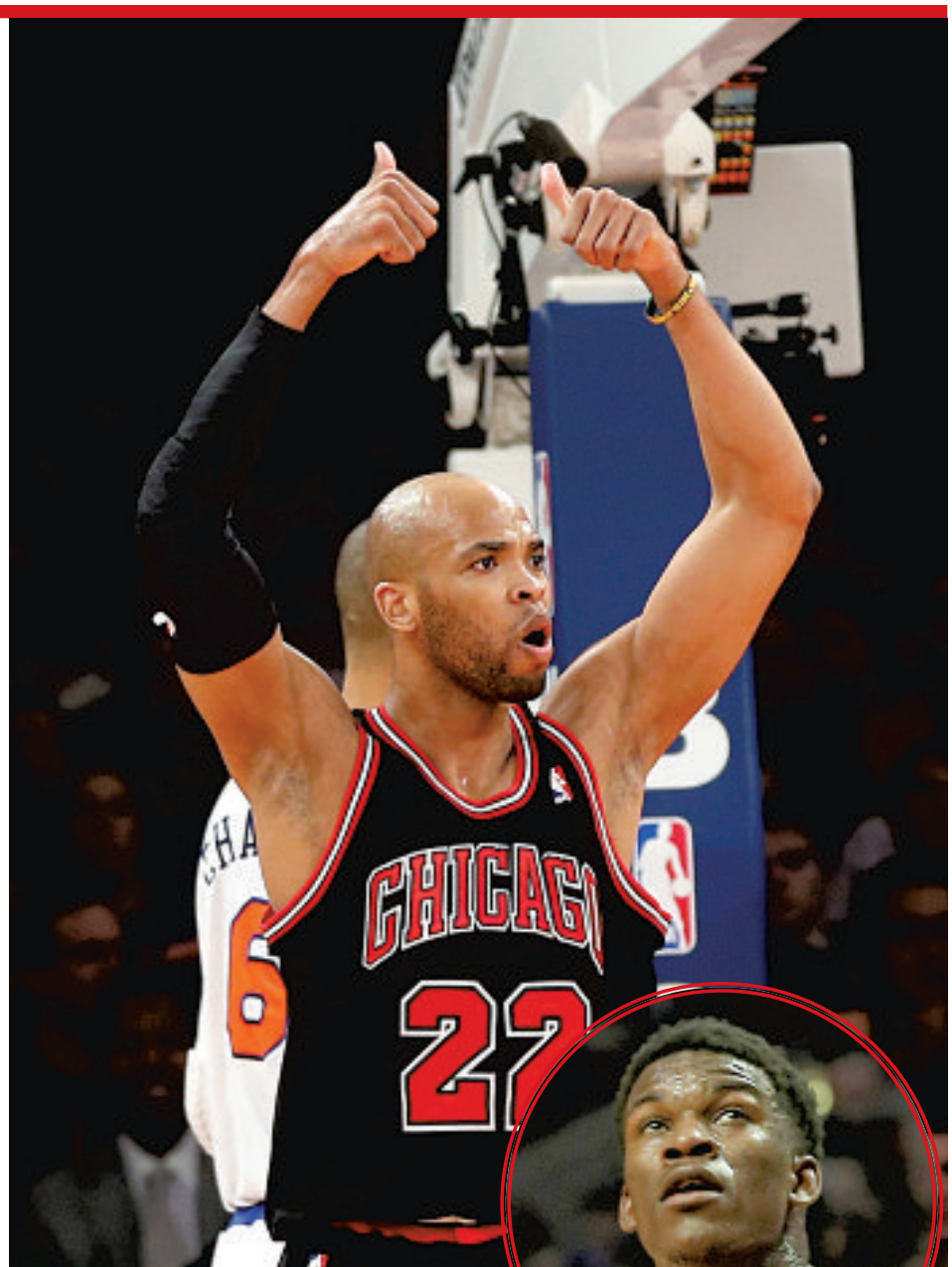

TAJ GIBSON

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
College: USC
Favorite NBA cities: New York and Los Angeles. New York because it's the city that never sleeps; you can come in real late, and there are always places to go eat, 24 hours a day, and it's home for me. L.A. is home for me too; I have lots of family and friends, and the weather's good.
Favorite things to do there: In New York I like to go to the pool halls around 34th Street and around Union Square.
Favorite restaurants: In New York I like to go to Junior's. I've got my table in the corner and the cheesecake is wonderful. It's in Brooklyn on Flatbush Avenue, right off the Manhattan Bridge. In California I like to go to Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles in L.A. I've been going there for years; we went there almost every other day when I was in college. It's unbelievably good.
Favorite vacation hotel: Four Seasons in New York is the best.

JIMMY BUTLER

Hometown: Tomball, Texas
College: Marquette
Favorite NBA cities: Thus far I'd have to say Milwaukee, because that's where my college is and I love to go back and see my people.
Favorite things to do there: I love to visit my former teammates and Buzz [Marquette coach Buzz Williams] and his staff, because they did so much for me during the process of becoming a professional basketball player.
Favorite restaurants: Mo's steakhouse is where I found myself a lot at college, and every time I come back I take out my former teammates that I'm close with and played with.
Favorite vacation hotel: I haven't taken too many vacations, so I'll pass on that one.

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These five wanted to show off their fancy footwork, but we couldn't be responsible for the lawsuits. #twoleftfeet

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1	**Which Chicago athlete should be on "Dancing with the Stars"?**	Or maybe the show could actually feature real celebs who aren't athletic.	Jay Cutler. It would be nice to see him on his feet.	Carlos Boozer. He's got the facial expressions and screams a spin and dip missed plus the clap.	Patrick Kane would wow the judges with his spin moves.	If by "Dancing with the Stars" you mean "Dancing with Kate in her kitchen to John Legend," then Patrick Sharp.
2	**Knee injuries are to the Bulls as ...**	... knee injuries are to the Bears. Translation: Nobody likes knee injuries.	... stinky, dirty diapers are to babies.	... a nail is to a hammer. Coach Thibs is the hammer and eventually the nail gives way.	... concussions are to the Blackhawks—they take out important parts of the team for too long.	... that second stair was to Jennifer Lawrence.
3	**Why would the NHL put the Blackhawks and Red Wings in separate conferences?**	I know, bummer, it totally prevents us all from taking that Detroit road trip we've always wanted.	No matter how big the rivalry, no one wants to go to Detroit anyway.	Clueless like Gary Bettman, but a Hawks/Red Wings Stanley Cup final would be titanic.	The NHL is as tired of the "Detroit sucks" chants as the rest of us.	The same reasons parents put kicking, screaming, biting children in separate corners.
4	**What drill should be added to the NFL scouting combine?**	Pin the tail on the cheetah.	A combine dunk tank filled with Gatorade.	Obstacle courses in all the events.	Dodging questions at press junkets.	Salsa moves. Paging Victor Cruz!
5	**Why does baseball allow ties in spring training?**	Because only playoff teams get to wear tuxedos. I said business casual, you bums!	It's not about winning or losing in preseason, its about getting your new guys some hot chicks in the bleachers.	Who wants to watch players who won't make the roster play extra-inning baseball ? #torture	No one cares.	Because it's nice to see the players all dressed up! Wait, what?

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By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE

This just in from Canada: The Vancouver Canucks held an online contest to pick the song the team skates out to before the game. (Japandroids beat out Nickelback). C'mon, we all know Chicago never takes a backseat to Vancouver. These blood-pumping tunes are guaranteed to get Chicago crowds amped from the start.

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CUBS
Ridin' The Storm Out
REO Speedwagon

I almost suggested "L's Anthem" by Lil' Durk, honestly, both for local ties and the fact the Cubs see a lot of "L's over the course of the season. Instead, let's go with "Riding The Storm Out." Also, find a way to get J.D. McPherson's "North Side Gal" played during the game.

WHITE SOX
Cowboys from Hell
Pantera

This is a tough one. AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" is a quality fit, but we can do better. "Cowboys from Hell" shreds and kind of fits the "South Side Hitmen" mystique. Also, it has that amazing "They say the bad guys wear black" line.

BULLS
Sirius
The Alan Parsons Project

I just couldn't do better than the original. This stays as their theme.

BEARS
Put On
Young Jeezy

The best song about Chicago not made about a Chicagoan but featuring one (Kanye West). Kill the lights and just play the instrumental. Feel that? Goosebumps.

FIRE
This Fire
Killswitch Engage

Want to make soccer more exciting? Play this before the team takes the pitch. It even has "Fire" in the title! Listen to the chorus: "Even through the darkest days, this fire burns always." HOW ARE YOU NOT READY TO BICYCLE-KICK SOMEONE IN THE TRACHEA NOW?

BLACKHAWKS
Raining Blood
Slayer

Keep "Chelsea Dagger" for the goal song; it's become the toast of the NHL. However, this should be the track you hear as the Blackhawks take the ice. The Madhouse would absolutely be ready to explode.

COPS AND JOCKS
Webb arrested on pot charge

Chicago Bears offensive tackle J'Marcus Webb was arrested Wednesday after police found marijuana when they pulled him over for speeding in downstate Pulaski County, officials said. He initially was charged with possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia as well as speeding; however, Pulaski County State's Attorney Grayson Gile told the Southern Illinoisan that he has dismissed the charges.

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A meaty sequel

Does the Lincoln Park spinoff of famous burger bar Kuma's Corner live up to the original?

Our Famous Kuma's Burger

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BURGER TIME

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BURGER REVIEW

Kuma's Too

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It is a widely held belief that the best burgers in Chicago are found in a heavy metal bar in Avondale serving patties named after Pantera and Black Sabbath. The place that I speak of, dear burger fans, is Kuma's Corner, and it also is notorious for its no-reservations policy and hourslong waits.

Truth be told, I, The Great Burgerelli, have never shared in Kuma's enthusiasm for death metal (I much prefer Morrissey, The Smiths and the occasional dose of underground French dance music, if you must know). But blaring soundtrack aside, I have long adored its burgers, so I relished the chance to sample this recently opened spinoff location in the decidedly un-metal neighborhood of Lincoln Park.

During my visits, I detected a culture clash of sorts. I have never encountered a stroller in the foyer of the original Kuma's, nor have I seen parents inquiring about whether the menu features a children's meal. Nor have I overheard two middle-aged women ordering glasses of chardonnay ("We just have a white," the bartender offered in response) and a glass of ice to chill it with. I am unsure whether they had mistaken this location of the burger mecca for a wine bar, but I digress.

However un-Kuma's-like these events seemed to me, I must point out that they technically are not in violation of Kuma's Too's rules, which one can find encased under glass and displayed in the hallway near the facilities. Allow me the pleasure of detailing a select few.

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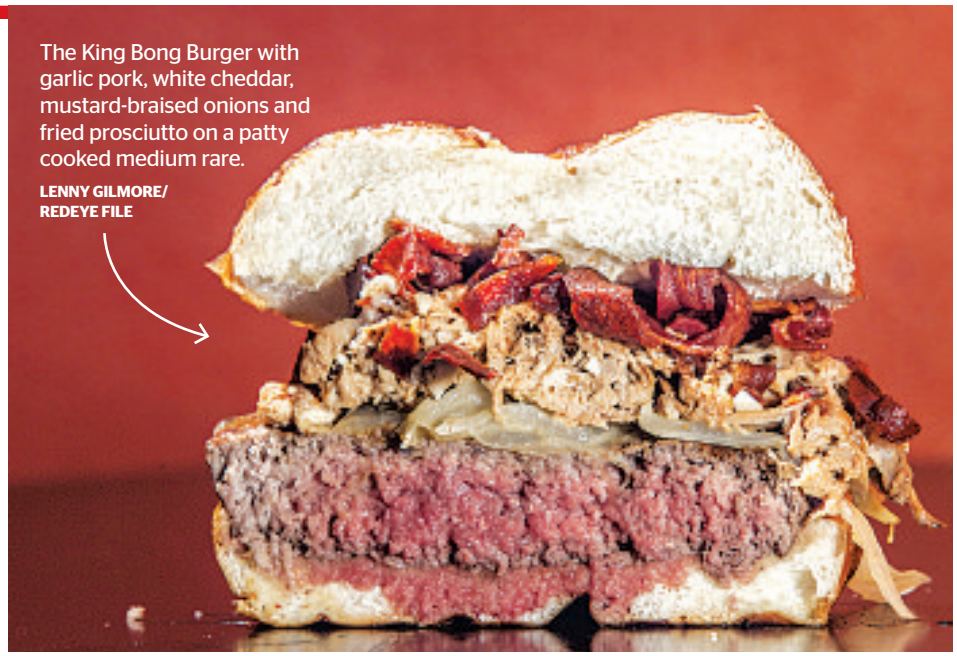

The King Bong Burger with garlic pork, white cheddar, mustard-braised onions and fried prosciutto on a patty cooked medium rare.

LENNY GILMORE/ REDEYE FILE

"You will not be seated unless your entire party is present."

'Tis true. My burger-eating companions and I were quoted a wait of 45 minutes to one hour at 4 p.m. on a Saturday. We were seated in a mere 25 thanks to several parties ahead of us that were incomplete. Additional rules pertaining to wait time include: "We will NOT quote the wait over the phone. Tell your friends," and, "Large party? Bring a book and some binoculars." I must admit that I became slightly perturbed while watching two tables go unfilled for more than 10 minutes while plenty of hungry burger lovers hovered around the bar and entrance waiting for their name to be called; however, no one dared to complain for fear of being denied.

"We are in the business of creating a great burger. Let us do our job, and we'll let you do yours. No substitutions, please."

There is no plain hamburger here. Our Famous Kuma's Burger ($12) is as basic as it gets, served on a pretzel bun topped with bacon, cheddar, fried egg, onion, tomato and lettuce. It truly is a beauty to behold. This is the burger that so many purveyors seek to emulate, and it remains a finely crafted specimen—and at a decent price, I might add. The 10-ounce beef burgers are supremely juicy, and the sturdy pretzel bun provides a solid base. The burgers that I ordered medium rare and medium arrived perfectly cooked, and in my opinion, are the optimal temperatures at which to consume a Kuma's creation. The powers that be here must agree, because the menu reads that "well done" means "burnt." Indeed, those who plan to commit such a heinous act of disrespect toward burgerdom perhaps should take their dreadful tastes elsewhere.

"Waffle fries will NEVER appear on our menu in any incarnation ever again. Ever. Again."

Many a Kuma's fan has lamented the loss of the waffle fries, which were eliminated from the menu some time ago. It is best to avoid heartache and think only of the current choices: house-made chips, hand-cut fries or a salad for $2 additional. I much prefer the fries--crispy, salty and delicious—over the chips. I, for one, have never witnessed any diner ordering the side salad. Which brings us, my fellow burger lovers, to the next rule ...

"Are you joking? No. There are no vegan options."

In fact, most everything at Kuma's is the polar opposite of vegan—the burger menu is a shrine to animal products in multiple forms. The Lair of the Minotaur matches creamy slices of brie with salty pancetta and slices of bourbon-soaked pear. The High On Fire juxtaposes salty prosciutto with sweet grilled pineapple, joined by roasted red pepper, sriracha sauce and sweet chili paste. Though the Neurosis has no additional meat components, it doubles up on cheese (cheddar and swiss), which melts admirably alongside sauteed mushrooms and caramelized onion. I must admit the slather of horseradish mayonnaise was a bit sparse for my liking, but that was my sole complaint. All specialty burgers are $13, with the exception of The Slayer ($15), a thoroughly sloppy signature plate of fries and a beef patty covered with chili, andouille sausage, onions, jack cheese and Anger—the latter of which, I might point out, refers to a beer with an ornery name, not the emotional state of the kitchen staff.

Bottom line: For all of the reasons one may abstain from the original Kuma's—too far, too crowded—Kuma's Too offers a beefy alternative. Though the experience is not identical—this Kuma's feels lighter, brighter and shinier—the burgers are indeed delicious. If a statement to the tune of "No, we do not have chardonnay," is added to the list of rules in the near future, I would not be the least bit surprised.

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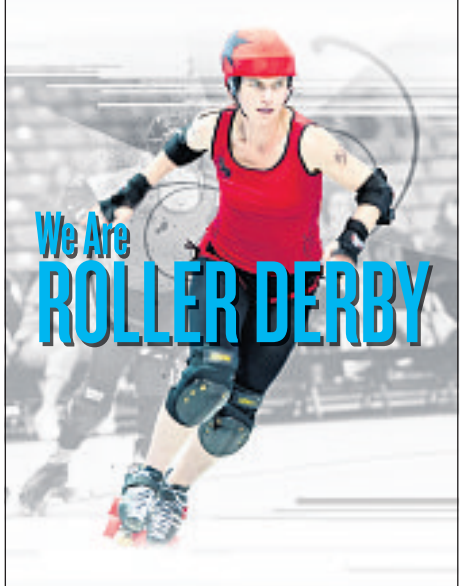

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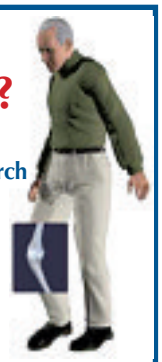

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Green Day's Armstrong comes clean

Frontman entered rehab following massive meltdown at Vegas fest

Reuters

Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong said alcohol and prescription drug abuse forced him into rehab last year after sessions when he would black out and have no memory of what he had done.

"I couldn't predict where I was going to end up at the end of the night," Armstrong, 41, the lead vocalist and songwriter for the California punk rock band, told Rolling Stone.

"I'd wake up in a strange house on a couch. I wouldn't remember how. It was a complete blackout," he said, opening up about years of addiction to alcohol and prescription drugs.

Green Day canceled their fall tour last year and postponed other dates after Armstrong entered treatment for what was described at the time only as "substance abuse." Armstrong said he finally decided to seek help after an onstage rant at the IHeartRadio music festival in Las Vegas in September 2012, where he angrily smashed his guitar after being told the band needed to wrap up their time on stage.

Referring to the Las Vegas incident, Armstrong said "I remember tiny things."

"The next morning, I woke up. I asked [my wife] Adrienne, 'How bad was it?' She said, 'It's bad.' I called my manager. He said, 'You're getting on a plane, going back to Oakland and going into rehab immediately,' " the singer said in an advance excerpt of the interview that hits newsstands Friday.

The band said in December that it would return to the road in March and Armstrong thanked fans for their support.

Green Day, formed in the late 1980s, has sold more than 65 million records worldwide, won five Grammys and produced hit albums such as 1994's "Dookie" and 2004's "American Idiot."

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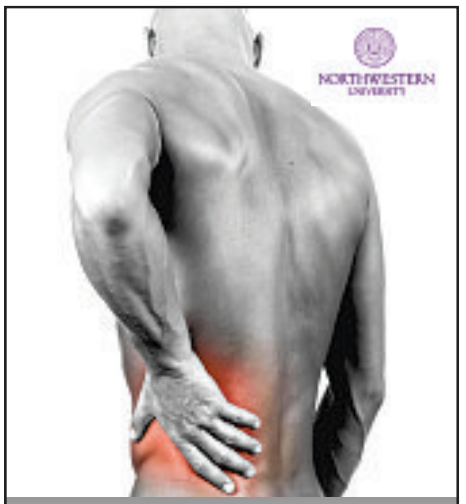

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- **Identity Thief** (R) 11:45, 12:45, 2:25, 3:35, 5:05, 6:55, 7:55, 10:35
- **Side Effects** (R) 11:25, 2:05, 4:35, 7:05
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:45, 5:35, 8:05
- **Django Unchained** (R) (Closed caption) 10:15
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) (Closed caption) 11:35, 2:35, 5:25, 8:15, 11:05

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) ★ 5:30, 7:45, 9:50
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) ★ 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
- **Identity Thief** (R) 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily
- **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Đ 12:15, 5:10, 10:00
- **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00
- AMC Independent **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) ★ Đ 11:10, 1:45, 4:15, 6:55, 9:30
- **Monsters, Inc. 3D** (G) 11:50, 2:20
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Đ 11:45, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 7:05, 7:35, 9:30
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:05, 1:20, 3:45, 6:30
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 11:40, 4:20
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 1:55, 7:00
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Đ 12:30, 3:35, 6:35
- **Identity Thief** (R) Đ 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:35
- **21 and Over** (R) ★ Đ 10:00
- **Side Effects** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:25
- **Mama** (PG-13) Đ 4:25, 7:20, 10:00
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:15, 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 12:45
- AMC Independent **Phantom** (R) ★ Đ 10:00
- **Snitch** (PG-13) ★ Đ (Closed caption) 11:05, 12:05, 1:45, 2:45, 4:20, 5:25, 7:05, 8:10, 9:55
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) ★ Đ 11:00, 1:30, 3:55, 6:45, 9:20
- **A Haunted House** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
(312) 846-2800
- **Archives in Progress: An Evening With Darko Fritz** (NR) 6:00
- **The Little Fugitive** (NR) 6:00
- **The Fiancée** (NR) 7:45
- **Future Weather** (NR) 8:15

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604
- **Happy People: A Year in the Taiga** (NR) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Playtime** (NR) 7:30

THE PATIO THEATER
6008 W. Irving Park Road
(773) 685-4291
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) 7:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily
- **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) 9:45
- **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Đ 10:00, 12:01
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) ★ 10:00, 12:01
- AMC Independent **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Đ 11:55, 2:40, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55
- **Django Unchained** (R) Đ 12:45, 4:40, 8:40
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Đ 11:50, 3:35, 7:25, 9:40
- **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Đ 1:40
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) ★ Đ 11:00, 11:20, 1:25, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 6:50, 7:30, 8:35, 9:25
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Đ 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 7:00, 11:00
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Đ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) 11:00, 4:05, 9:05
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 1:40, 6:40
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) ★ Đ 11:40, 3:00, 4:35, 6:10, 9:10
- **Identity Thief** (R) Đ 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 8:10
- **21 and Over** (R) ★ Đ 10:00, 12:01
- **Side Effects** (R) Đ 11:30, 2:30, 5:25, 8:05
- AMC Independent **Kai po che!** (NR) ★ Đ 11:55, 3:10, 6:20
- **Mama** (PG-13) Đ 11:00, 5:25, 11:00
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) ★ Đ (Closed caption) 11:00, 12:50, 2:00, 3:40, 4:55, 6:25, 7:45, 10:40
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 12:15, 3:45, 7:15, 9:20
- **Snitch** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:00, 12:30, 1:45, 3:03, 4:30, 6:15, 7:20, 9:05, 11:00
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) ★ Đ (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:45, 4:35, 7:15
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00, 12:01
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) 12:35, 3:40, 6:30

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309
- **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00, 11:00
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) ★ 10:00, 11:00
- AMC Independent **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Đ 12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
- **Django Unchained** (R) Đ 11:15, 10:00
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Đ 3:00, 6:30
- **Argo** (R) Đ 1:30, 4:20, 7:10
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Đ 11:15, 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Đ 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Đ 1:20, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25
- **Jack the Giant Slayer: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) ★ 10:00
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) 11:45, 4:45
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) Đ 2:20, 7:15
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Đ 1:25, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30
- **Identity Thief** (R) Đ 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00
- **21 and Over** (R) ★ Đ 10:00, 11:00
- **Side Effects** (R) Đ 11:00, 2:00
- **Mama** (PG-13) Đ 10:10
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Đ 11:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 11:10, 2:30
- AMC Independent **Phantom** (R) Đ 10:00, 11:00
- **Snitch** (PG-13) Đ 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Đ 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00, 11:00

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) ★ 12:50, 6:45
- **Snitch** (R) 11:35, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:50
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) ★ 11:30, 1:50, 6:50
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) 4:20, 9:30
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Side Effects** (R) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:40
- **Identity Thief** (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:05, 7:35, 10:25
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) 12:00, 3:30, 7:05, 10:35
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **Argo** (R) 3:50, 9:45

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646
- **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) ★ 10:00
- **21 and Over** (R) ★ Đ 10:00
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ Đ 10:00

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
4779 W. Cernnak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644
- **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters** (R) Đ 4:20, 9:15
- **Jack the Giant Slayer** (PG-13) Đ 10:00, 12:01
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) 10:00, 12:01
- AMC Independent **Bless Me, Ultima** (PG-13) Đ 1:30, 4:20, 7:00
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Đ 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:00, 3:35, 5:30, 6:00, 6:35, 7:45, 8:20, 10:40
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 3:50, 8:45
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 1:25, 6:15
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Đ 12:40, 3:45, 6:45
- **Identity Thief** (R) Đ 1:45, 4:35, 7:45, 10:30
- **21 and Over** (R) Đ 10:00, 12:01
- **Side Effects** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 12:40, 3:30, 6:25, 9:00
- **Mama** (PG-13) Đ 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
- **Snitch** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Đ 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) Đ 10:00, 12:01

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104
- **Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D** (R) 2:20
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:10, 4:40, 7:00
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) ★ 9:15
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) 10:00
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) 12:00
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:40
- **Django Unchained** (R) (Closed caption) 2:40, 6:20
- **Snitch** (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 10:00
- **Snitch** (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10
- **Snitch** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 3:20, 6:00, 8:45
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) (Closed caption) 12:20, 3:45, 7:15
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) 10:10
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) 2:00, 7:40, 10:30
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) (Closed caption) 1:45, 4:50, 7:50, 10:45
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) ★ 1:20, 3:50, 6:30
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:50, 9:50
- **21 and Over** (R) ★ 10:00
- **21 and Over** (R) ★ 12:00
- **Identity Thief** (R) 1:50, 2:30, 4:40, 5:10, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:50
- **Side Effects** (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ 12:05
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ 10:00
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) ★ 12:40, 3:30, 6:10, 8:30, 11:00
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- **Snitch** (PG-13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:30, 3:20, 6:00, 8:45
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) ***VIP Premium 21+*** 2:00, 7:40
- **Identity Thief** (R) ***VIP Premium 21+*** 4:40, 10:15
- **The Last Exorcism Part II** (PG-13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:05

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560
- **Jack the Giant Slayer 3D** (PG-13) ★ 10:00
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) ★ 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:25
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 4:35, 7:10
- **Identity Thief** (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **Side Effects** (R) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Amour** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♿
- **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 1:20
- **Argo** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:25, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
- **Les Misérables** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:35, 3:00, 6:25
- **Zero Dark Thirty** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:25, 2:50, 6:15, 9:40
- **Django Unchained** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 9:50
- **Amour** (PG-13) Đ 12:40, 3:55, 7:05, 10:00
- **Warm Bodies** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30
- **Quartet** (PG-13) Đ 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
- **Identity Thief** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
- **Side Effects** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **Beautiful Creatures** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 1:15, 4:20, 7:35, 10:25
- **Safe Haven** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:55, 2:45, 4:10, 5:35, 7:00, 8:25, 10:05
- **A Good Day to Die Hard** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:35, 2:05, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15
- **Escape From Planet Earth** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 11:40, 4:45, 9:35
- **Escape From Planet Earth 3D** (PG) 2:20, 7:10
- **Snitch** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
- **Dark Skies** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
- **The Gatekeepers** (PG-13) Đ 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

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28 City in Arizona
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60 Immediately, for short
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6 Foe
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9 Pig's home
10 Orates
11 Banana casing
12 "Say it _ so!"
13 Gifts for kids
19 Hit, as a piñata
21 Collins or Baez
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44 Carter's successor
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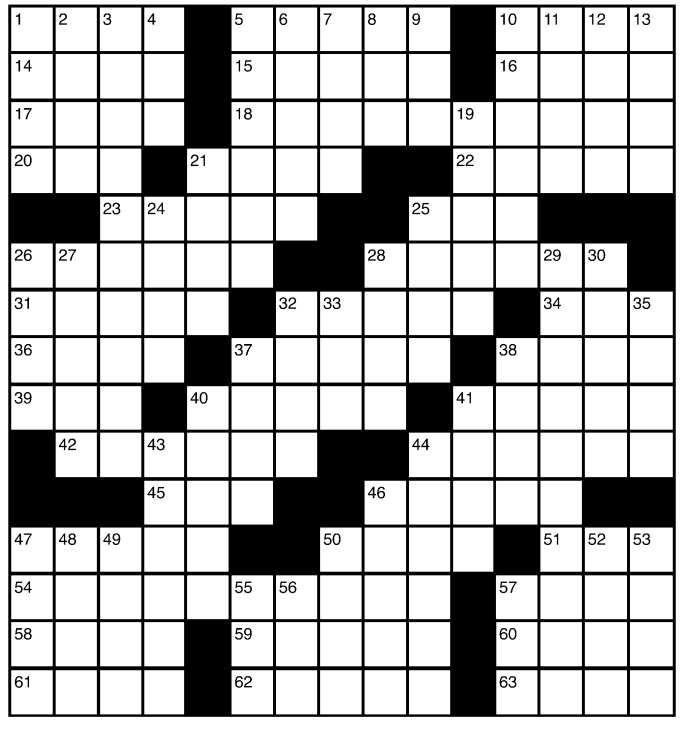

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1849: The ship California arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.
1996: Britain's Princess Diana agreed to divorce Prince Charles.
2003: The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stood by its ruling that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools was unconstitutional because of the words "under God."

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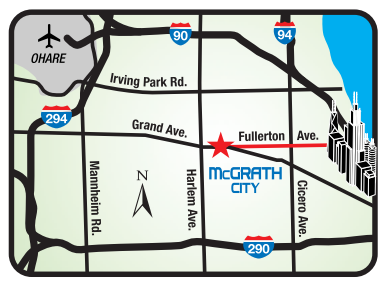

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Help Wanted

WHICH STAR NEEDS THESE POP-CULTURE COLLABOS MORE?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

It's the dead of winter, we're eating our body weight in Cheetos and we're feeling a little desperate. So who's to say stars aren't feeling the same way? Good news for a lot of them: They've got hot new collaborations on the horizon. We took to our patented "who needs it more?" meter to measure who's benefiting the most from these beautiful new relationships.

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BEN STILLER — 'ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT'

Collabo: Stiller is returning for new episodes of "Arrested Development's" Netflix release as Gob's rival magician, Tony Wonder.

Who needs it more? Stiller. The excitement level for new "AD" already has broken several measuring devices. Meanwhile, Stiller's last movie was "The Watch."

CHRIS ROCK — DAVE CHAPPELLE

Collabo: They performed a surprise show late Tuesday in New York and discussed potential future dates together.

Who needs it more? Chappelle. He's been pretty MIA post-"Chappelle's Show," and reportedly told Rock "I'm free for like 11 years." With their powers combined, these two probably could entertain us for that long.

CHRIS COOPER — 'THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2'

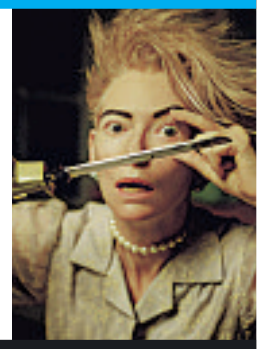
Collabo: Chris has signed on to play Harry Osborn (the Green Goblin) in the flick, set for a May 2014 release.

Who needs it more? Cooper. After playing the villain in "The Muppet Movie," Cooper has good blockbuster momentum. Let's see if he can be as creepy in the role as Willem Dafoe was in the last series.

DAVID BOWIE — TILDA SWINTON

Collabo: Swinton plays Bowie's wife in his new video for "The Stars (Are Out Tonight)."

Who needs it more? Neither. These two both are uniquely cool in their own right and make for a perfect oddball artistic pairing, kind of like Uma Thurman and Quentin Tarantino.



JENNIFER LAWRENCE — DIOR

Collabo: The Oscar winner recently began releasing ads for the brand's Miss Dior line.

Who needs it more: Dior. Not that we'd ever say the classic brand *needs* help, but Lawrence is the hottest thing since lava right now.

BEN AFFLECK — BEARD

Collabo: Affleck sported the beard for "Argo"—then kept it through multiple award wins, including Sunday's best picture Oscar.

Who needs it more: Beard. "Argo" probably would've been just as popular without it—plus it doesn't even exist now that Affleck has shaved it off!

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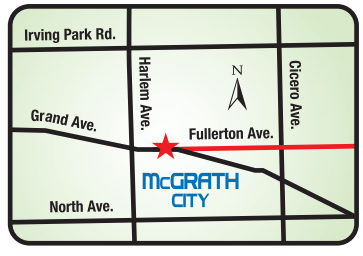

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red hot

Tina Fey (left) and Amy Poehler host the 2013 Golden Globes. NBC

NOT THE HOST

Everyone might wish **Tina Fey and Amy Poehler** would host the Oscars like they did this year's Golden Globes, but Fey says "no way." "I just feel that gig is so hard. Especially for, like, a woman—the amount of months that would be spent trying on dresses alone ... no way," she told Huffington Post on Tuesday. Well, we still can hold out hope for Amy.

HOT DATES

March 11

That's when racecar driver Arie Luyendyk Jr. will host a viewing party for the "Bachelor" finale at Park West. Visit **thebachelorfinale.com** for tickets and details.

March 23

That's when Syfy will air "Chupacabra vs. the Alamo" starring Erik Estrada, who plays a DEA agent teamed with a band of outlaw bikers to battle a horde of the legendary, blood-sucking beasts at the Alamo. If that doesn't excite you, try "Flying Monkeys" on March 9, in which a girl's pet monkey turns into a deadly creature at night and spawns killer clones. Both "films" air at 8 p.m.

Connie Britton

"I don't have a Twitter feed, but I'm told my hair does."

—"Nashville" star **Connie Britton (above)**, to More magazine, on her famous locks

Dress like J-Law

Want to get into Jennifer Lawrence's pants? Now you can! The white dance pants, sports bra and winter coat the Oscar winner wore in "Silver Linings Playbook" went up for auction Tuesday, Reuters reports. The online auction ends Thursday, and the items are expected to fetch up to $1,500, according to a memorabilia dealer.

Jennifer Lawrence (left) and Bradley Cooper in "Silver Linings Playbook"

'Parks' place

Kudos to **ew.com** for bringing our attention to this gem: "Parks and Recreation" has launched a Pinterest board dedicated to Leslie and Ben's wedding. The formal candids come in color and black and white at **pinterest.com/nbcparksandrec**. It's almost like you were there ... without all the awkwardness of sleeping with someone in the bridal party.

Gwen Stefani from No Doubt GETTY IMAGES FILE

Still pushing

So long, big summer tour? No Doubt is back in the studio, already working on its follow-up album to last year's "Push and Shove," **billboard.com** reports. That means the band will postpone its tour plans "briefly." Could a Lolla appearance in August still be in the cards?

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